there is the problem of co-ordination. In fact, the previous Chairman of the International Airport Authority had complained to the Ministry that unless they entrust the staff to one of the agencies, it would be very difficult to co-ordinate their activities. In the first instance, I would like to know whether you have decided as to which will be the designated authority to co-ordinate the activities at the airports, more particularly the international airports. If so, what are the agencies to co-ordinate the activities of 3 or 4 agencies which are now operating at the airports, both national airports and international airports?

Part (b) of my question is this. He is talking about 900 crores of rupees. 900 crores of rupees have become a scarecrow. The amount of 900 crores of rupees is being mentioned on the floor of the House for the last two years.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your supplementary now.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: In the meanwhile there have been several types of amounts raised for meeting the needs. Therefore, I would like to ask how is it that they have not been able to make a provision out of these 900 crores to meet the requirements of modernisation of the airports. Part (c) of my question is that even the equipment that has been procured...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I have not been aware of it for the last three months. Otherwise, the equipment that has been imported such as CAT II, etc. in Bombay airport has not been put to use. I would like to have a categorical reply from the hon. Minister whether all the equipment that has been imported for modernisation of the airports has been put to use. If it has not been put to use, what are the reasons therefor?

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: The activity of civil aviation is too complicated and the hon. Member has to put so many questions into one question and given them to me. I find it very difficult to answer all his question without answering all the points. I would like to say that 900 crores of rupees is the amount of money required for modernisation of the airports for navigation and communication purposes. This amount is not given to us from the budget. We shall have to raise it ourselves and we have to pay it. Let it be understood by the hon. Member.

As far as co-ordination of the activities between all the organisations is concerned, we have asked our officers at the airports belonging to different organisations to have regular meetings. The senior-most officer will preside over the meetings. They will decide this thing. Now, the maintenance activity is such that it cannot be handled by those who fly. Those who maintain cannot fly. Those who have to maintain the airports are not in a position to fly. Those who fly cannot do the maintenance work. The activities are different. Therefore, co-ordination is necessary. The committee would co-ordinate.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 124.

Committee on Housing facilities for Women Teachers

*124. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:†
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee on housing facilities for women teachers set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended cluster houses in rural areas;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Shanti Tyagi.

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government would take up this programme in a big way during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The Sub-Committee on Housing Facilities for Women Teachers of the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended, *inter alia*, that for rural areas, efforts may be made to take up a programme of constructing houses for women employees of various departments, including women teachers, on a cluster basis *i.e.* for a compact group of villages, these may be built in a cluster at a central village. Low cost construction techniques should be utilised in the programme. It may be jointly funded by the departments concerned, with one of them assuming nodal responsibility. Appropriate guidelines may be evolved for allotment of houses, with over-riding priority being given to women elementary school teachers in Education Department's share of the houses. During the Eighth Plan, the programme may be limited to wholly tribal sub-plan blocks and other educationally backward pockets of the country. Houses may be allotted to women teachers on concessional terms. If taken up, the programme should be fully assisted by the Central Government.

(c) Recommendations of the Sub-Committee would be kept in view while finalizing the VIII Plan in the *Education sector*, but actual implementation will depend on final allocation of resources.

श्री शांति त्यागी : माननीय सभापति जी, एक प्रश्न करूंगा छोटा सा। क्या यह मुमकिन है, मंत्री जी बताएंगे कि इन मकानों के निर्माण और रख-रखाव की जिम्मेदारी आप ग्राम पंचायतों को सौंप देंगे? सिर्फ एक क्वेश्चन कर रहा हूं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cooperation between Indian and Iraq

*125. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 9th July, 1989, to the effect that tremendous scope exists for extension of cooperation between India and Iraq in economic and other fields;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) how far it is likely to be useful for both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Both countries have active economic and commercial links which have been steadily expanding over the years. With the cessation of hostilities between Iran and Iraq, Iraq is planning to embark upon substantial economic reconstruction programmes which will provide considerable opportunities for Indian participation. Certain specific areas of product and project exports have been identified such as engineering goods, rubber products, iron ore pellets, consumer durables, civil construction, infra-structural development, railway sector and operation maintenance contracts. In other areas. Indo-Iraqi relations have traditionally been close and broad-based. These are being further expanded through exchage of high level visits and active implementation of the cultural exchange programme.